APPENDIX A.

Proceedings of the Meeting held at the Public Offices, Mysore, to discuss the Supari question.

Present.

P. N. Krishnamurti Esq.	A. Rangaswamaiengar Esq.
Abdul Rahman Esq., B. A.	H. Sparkes Esq.
Colonel J. P. Grant.	M. S. Narayana Rao Esq.
V. P. Madhava Rao Esq.	

and nearly fifty-five Members of the Representative Assembly.

After the usual complaints about the hardship caused by the sayer and the land assessment, Mr. Krishnamurti asked if there was anybody who wished to retain the sayer. Mr. Subbannia, the only Representative present of Tirthahalli, stated that halat might be reduced but not abolished. Pleader Mr. Malhari Rao, speaking on behalf of merchants trading in supari, none of whom, he said, were properly represented at the meeting, advocated its retention, and so did Mr. Badé Saib of the Sira Taluk. All the others unanimously opposed the retention of the sayer in any shape or form. Mr. Krishnamurti stated that it was not possible to give up the whole of the sayer, and called for an expression of opinion as to how the balance of sayer could be recouped to the Government. The general spirit was to leave the matter in the hands of Government. The feeling was against an annual re-count of trees by minor officials. There was also a general agreement as to the propriety of levying the tax on bearing trees alone. Several Maidan members called special attention to the fact that in substituting a tax based on the computation of arecanut trees, marked distinction must be shown between the supari tracts of the Malnad which contribute mainly to the existing sayer revenue, and such trees in the Maidan parts of the Province from which any sayer revenue is barely derived.

P. N. KRISHNAMURTI.
Councillor.